

## CLAIMS

1. An information processing apparatus for controlling an output of predetermined content, characterized by having:

5       display control means that displays a selection screen for said content in which metadata as data affixed to said content is disposed, said selection screen having at least an area in which the metadata for designating an information acquisition range is arranged and an area to  
10       be used for designation of other metadata and display of a search result;

          acquiring means that acquires, when predetermined one of said metadata is selected from said selection screen displayed by said display control means,  
15       information on other content having same metadata as said selected metadata; and

          output means that displays said information acquired by said acquiring means and outputs said other content in response to an instruction of an output of  
20       said other content.

2. The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, characterized by further having:

          storing means that stores said metadata selected  
25       from said selection screen, and

          characterized in that, when said information processing apparatus is activated, said acquiring means acquires information on said other content having same metadata as said metadata stored in said storing means.  
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3. The information processing apparatus according to

claim 1, characterized in that, when said metadata for designating the information acquisition range is selected, said acquiring means acquires information on said other content in a range designated by said selected metadata.

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4. The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, characterized by further having:

detecting means for detecting a selection of said metadata, and

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characterized in that said detecting means detects a selection of said metadata in response to a motion of a cursor displayed on said selection screen.

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5. The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, characterized in that said acquiring means acquires information on said other content from an information managing apparatus connected via a network.

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6. The information processing apparatus according to claim 5, characterized in that when said information processing apparatus is activated, said acquiring means acquires information on other content having same metadata as said metadata recorded in storing means of said information managing apparatus.

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7. An information processing method for an information processing apparatus for controlling an output of predetermined content, characterized by including:

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a display control step of displaying a selection screen for said content in which metadata as data affixed to said content is disposed, said selection screen having

at least an area in which the metadata for designating an information acquisition range is arranged and an area to be used for designation of other metadata and display of a search result;

5           an acquiring step of, when predetermined one of said metadata is selected from said selection screen displayed in said display control step, acquiring information on other content having same metadata as said selected metadata; and

10           an output step of displaying said information acquired by said acquiring step and outputting said other content in response to an instruction of an output of said other content.

15       8. A program for making a computer execute a process of controlling an output of predetermined content, characterized by including:

          a display control step of displaying a selection screen for said content in which metadata as data affixed  
20   to said content is disposed, said selection screen having at least an area in which the metadata for designating an information acquisition range is arranged and an area to be used for designation of other metadata and display of a search result;

25           an acquiring step of, when predetermined one of said metadata is selected from said selection screen displayed in said display control step, acquiring information on other content having same metadata as said selected metadata; and

30           an output step of displaying said information acquired by said acquiring step and outputting said other

content in response to an instruction of an output of  
said other content.